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 REJECTION IN HUMAN XENOTRANSPLANTATION

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

In response to the Office Action mailed December 13, 2002, Applicants submit the amendment and remarks on the following pages, a total of 8 pages.

CONCLUSIONS

Applicants submit that the pending claims patentably define the invention. Applicants request that the Examiner reconsider the rejections set forth in the Office Action, and permit the pending claims to pass to allowance.

If the Examiner would like to discuss any of the issues raised in the Office Action, Applicants' undersigned representative can be reached at the telephone number listed below.

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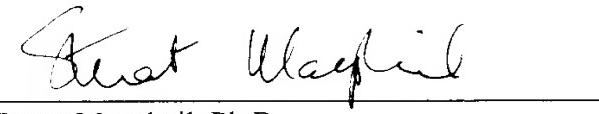
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Enclosed is a petition for an automatic extension of time with the required fee. Please apply any other charges or credits to Deposit Account No. 06-1050, referencing Attorney Docket No. 06868-005002.

Respectfully submitted,

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